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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY AGRICULTURE BERGLAND COMPLETED FOUR-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA JUNE 13. VISIT MARKED BY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIAN MINISTERS ON FOOD AND COMMODITY MATTERS. INDONESIA PARTICULARLY WELCOMED DECLARED U.S. INTEREST IN STABILIZATION OF WORLD FOOD GRAIN PRICES AND CONTINUATION OF PL 480. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING COURSE OF VISIT JUNE 10-13, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND MET WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE TOYIB,
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PRESIDENT SUHARTO (REPORTED REFTEL), MINISTER NATIONAL ECONOMY WIDJOJO AND MINISTER OF TRADE PRAWIRO.

3. SECRETARY, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTERS AS HE DID WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO (SEE REFTEL), STATED U.S. WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE PL 480 PROGRAMS IN RICE AND WHEAT SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET AND COMMODITIES. HE DESCRIBED PENDING

LEGISLATION FOR TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF PL 480 INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENTS. HE OUTLINED ALSO U.S. INTENTION TO SPEAK AT MANILA WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY.

4. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL POINTS OF INTEREST FROM SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS WITH INDONESIAN MINISTERS.

5. CONTINUATION OF PL 480, PARTICULARLY RICE, IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO INDONESIA IN MAINTAINING STABLE PRICE AND CURBING INFLATION. INDONESIAN RICE STOCKS CURRENTLY DOWN TO 600,000 TONS. STOCKS MUST BE BUILT UP TO TAKE CARE OF EMERGENCIES AND TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SHORTAGES ARISING DUE TO TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN OUTER ISLANDS. INDONESIA WISHES 500,000 TONS PL 480 RICE DURING CURRENT INDONESIAN FINANCIAL YEAR (BEGINNING APRIL 1).

6. THAI IMPORTS OF RICE TO INDONESIA NO LONGER PRESENT PROBLEM IN PL 480 CONTEXT BECAUSE OF CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THAILAND AND INDONESIA. INDONESIA HAS PROMISED GIVEN PRIORITY TO COMMERCIAL IMPORTS FROM THAILAND AND THAI PRIORITY TO INDONESIA IN ITS EXPORTS.

7. INDONESIA WILL WELCOME ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH U.S. TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION. INDONESIA DOES NOT RULE OUT PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURES FOR FOOD PRODUCTION BUT MUST GIVE PRIORITY TO FOOD PROJECTS WHICH PROMOTE MAXIMUM EMPLOYMENT. INDONESIA INTERESTED IN COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH U.S., JAPAN AND ADB LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN LARGER AGRICULTURAL VENTURES IN OUTER ISLANDS.

8. INDONESIA WELCOMES U.S. INTENTION TO PROMOTE WORLD FOOD SECURITY SYSTEM DESIGNED TO REDUCE FLUACTION IN PRICE AND SUPPLY.

9. INDONESIA IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH WORLD BANK ON READMISSION OF INDONESIA TO IDA FACILITIES. INDONESIA WOULD THEN RECEIVE MIXED PACKAGES OF IBRD (U.S. SIDE EXPLAINED DIFFICULTIES U.S. MIGHT HAVE IN SUPPORTING INDONESIAN REQUEST TO IDA).

10. MINISTER WIDJOJO COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON CIEC MEETING IN PARIS, STATING INDONESIAN DELEGATION IMPRESSED WITH DEGREE OF ATTENTION AND COOPERATION GIVEN BY U.S. IN CIEC MEETING. WIDJOJO SAID NO ONE COULD EXPECT CIEC TO AGREE ON ALL MATTERS BUT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON IMPORTANT POINTS SUCH AS FLOW OF OFFICIAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON FUND. WIDJOJO ADMITTED HE HAD BETTER UNDER-

STANDING OF INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES' PROBLEMS.

11. MINISTER OF TRADE REPEATED INTEREST OF INDONESIAN
GOVERNMENT IN TECHNICAL HELP FROM U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
IN TRAINING INDONESIANS TO OPERATE STANDARDS FOR INDONESIAN
EXPORTS TO U.S.
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